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JUNE 1, 2011 CROP ACREAGE

Alabama's spring planting was hampered by either too-dry ground, or rain and wet ground, which extended planting through late May in parts of the state or required crops to be replanted in other parts of the state. The lengthy delay caused some producers to convert intended corn acres to other crops. As of June 12, the average crop condition for **corn, cotton, peanuts and soybeans** was 11 percent very poor, 25 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 26 percent good, and 1 percent excellent, while Alabama's soil moisture condition was rated 50 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 14 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Producers indicate planted acreage for the four major crops (**corn, cotton, peanuts, and soybeans**) at 1,200,000 acres, a 50,000-acre increase over the 1,150,000 acres planted in 2010.

The June 1 *Agricultural Survey* conducted by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, Alabama Field Office, provides crop acreages for 2011 based on a survey of 1,196 agricultural producers. Of Alabama's four major row crops, the projections are: **Corn** planted acres will remain unchanged from 2010. **Cotton** planted acres will increase 32 percent from 2010 due to many farmers being optimistic about the high prices for futures cotton, while both **Soybean** and **Peanut** planted acres will decrease 11 percent.

Crop Planting Forecast for 2011:

Corn producers indicate they will plant the same number of acres as 2010, or 270,000 acres.

Cotton, at 450,000 acres, reflects a 110,000-acre increase over 2010.

Peanut producers indicate they will plant 170,000 acres, or 20,000 fewer acres than in 2010.

Soybeans, at 310,000 acres, are 11 percent below the 350,000 acres planted in 2010.

Hay, at 800,000 harvested acres, is 3 percent above the 780,000 acres harvested in 2010.

Winter wheat, with 220,000 seeded acres, shows a 47 percent increase above last year's 150,000 acres.

Oats, at 35,000 seeded acres, remains unchanged from 2010.

Sweet potato planted intentions, at 3,200 acres, are 100 acres lower than 2010.

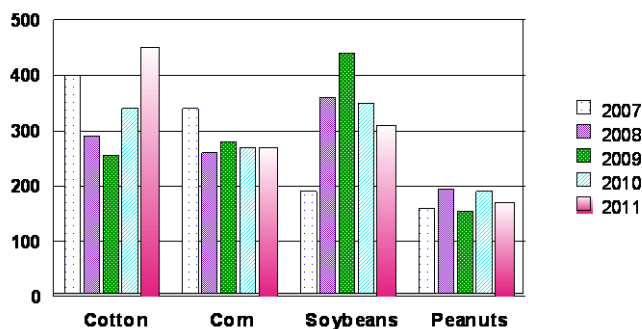
Alabama and United States: June Acreage for 2011 with Comparisons to 2010

Crop	Alabama				United States			
	2010 Planted	Indicated 2011 Planted	% Change from Previous Year	Indicated 2011 Harvested	2010 Planted	Indicated 2011 Planted	% Change from Previous Year	Indicated 2011 Harvested
	1,000 Acres		Percent	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres		Percent	1,000 Acres
Cotton	340	450	+32	—	10,974.2	13,725.0	+25	—
Corn	270	270	0	240	88,192	92,282	+5	84,888
Soybeans	350	310	-11	295	77,404	75,208	-3	74,258
Peanuts	190	170	-11	167	1,288	1,152	-11	1,122
All Wheat ¹	150	220	+47	195	53,603	56,433	+5	47,174
Hay ²	780	800	+3	—	59,862	57,605	-4	—
Oats	35	35	0	10	3,138	2,587	-18	934
Sweet Potatoes	3.3	3.2	-3	3.1	119.8	132.6	+11	128.2

¹ Planted previous fall. ² Acres for harvest.

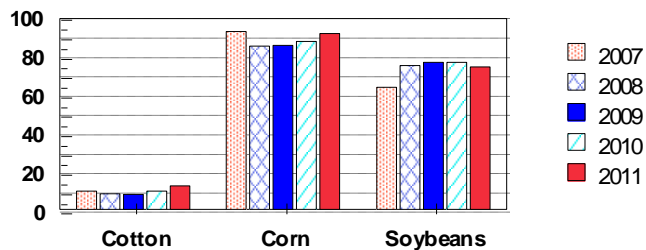
Alabama Planted Crop Acreages Five Year Comparison (2007-2011)

Thousand Acres

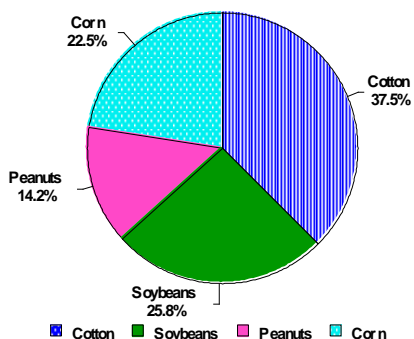


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Million Acres



Alabama Principal Row Crops, 2011 1,200,000 Planted Acres



Soybean Planted Acres, 2011 Selected States

